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Flood Protection Schemes

* 715 *Q.*—Sri V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY (on behalf of Sri S. Lazar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many schemes costing more than Rs. 10 lakhs each were submitted to Central Water and Power Commission under the Flood Protection Schemes provided under the Second Five-Year Plan;

(*b*) how many costing less than Rs. 10 lakhs each;

(*c*) how many of the above two categories have been approved for loan assistance; and

(*d*) how many have been executed?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) & (*b*) No scheme costing more or less than Rs. 10 lakhs each has been submitted to Central Water and Power Commission.

(*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise.

Admission to professional and pre-professional courses

* 716 *Q.*—Sri V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY (on behalf of Sri S. Lazar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Christians belonging to Scheduled Castes, Most Backward Classes and Backward Classes are treated on a par with students of the said classes in the matter of admission to professional and pre-professional courses;

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor;

(*c*) whether representations were received in May 1958 not to make any such differentiation in the admission for the year 1958-59; and

(*d*) whether any order has been issued to that effect to the Selection Committee?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) According to the present policy of the Government in respect of admissions to colleges, converted Christians from Scheduled Castes are treated as 'forward' unless the candidate himself is a convert from Scheduled Castes in which case he is treated as "backward". Other Christians are treated as forward, as conversion is followed up with educational and social advancement in many directions.

(*c*) A representation was received; and a reply was given stating that it was not proposed to revise the existing rules in respect of admission.

(*d*) No.